

SENATE BILL 621
By Wilder

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4,
Part 9, relative to lottery scholarships.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-926(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subsection and by substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, a student who is a Tennessee citizen and a dependent child of a member of the armed forces or the Tennessee national guard engaged in active military service of the United States or a full-time civilian employee of the United States department of defense shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship as an entering freshman, if such student meets all eligibility requirements for such scholarship except that, while the parent was stationed on active military duty or employed full-time with the department of defense outside of Tennessee, the student did not reside in Tennessee for one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application for financial assistance and the student did not graduate from an eligible high school as defined in § 49-4-902(7), graduate from a Tennessee high school that is not an eligible high school, complete high school in a Tennessee home school program, or obtain a GED from a state-approved institution or organization.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-926(b)(1), is amended by adding the language "or is employed full-time with the United States department of defense" after the words "full-time national guard duty" and before the punctuation and word "; and".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-926, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) This section shall apply only to:

(1) Dependent children of members of the armed forces or Tennessee national guard whose home of record at the time of entry into military service was determined to be Tennessee; and

(2) Dependent children of full-time civilian employees of the United States department of defense who are legal residents of Tennessee.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.